

Today's news agencies are NOT independent sources for reliable accounts of news events. Quashing, spinning, editorializing, corporate and political slanting are in prominent evidence on all network newssstories and newspaper articles. To further reduce the number of competing sources for news stories does the local citizenry a great disservice.

A recent example of a substancial newssstory that was quashed in my news market was the December 16th 2002 Arrest of Iranian immagrants in Los Angeles, CA. My initial exposure to this event was not through my local newspapers, the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun Times and Des Plaines Daily Herald, but through my daily browsing of foreign internet news agencies to get a worldly perspective of US events. The item was "Front Page" news at the BBC News website. It was also a Front Page story at the LA Times. Though I clearly though otherwise, the Iranian Detainees at the hands of the INS was not considered to be important enough for my news market.

As of yesterday, December 27th 2002, BBC News and the LA Times continued with follow-up articles on the event. Whereas exhaustive searches of archives of my local publications and media outlets proved fruitless. Most people in city and surrounding suburbs are oblivious to the events that took place on Dec. 16 2002 and their decisions and opinions regarding related events are lacking at least this one vital report not to mention thousands of other under-reported events.

Please do NOT permit news agencies to have monopolistic control over all media outlets in a given market. Encourage counter-cultural media. America has many millions of voices. Don't permit a few corporate giants to monopolize the media and promote their own agendas through the stories they permit us to view!